

Elementary School Testing Program

RATIONALE: The Diocese of Harrisburg participates annually in a standardized testing program in order to provide a valid and current study of student ability and scholastic achievement which can be compared with diocesan and national norms. In addition, the Diocese voluntarily participates in the Pennsylvania Testing and Assessment Program for identification of students with remediation needs in math and reading...when we have the option to do so.

POLICY: Local school principals are responsible for utilizing test results to identify and analyze strengths and weaknesses of various curriculum areas. With their faculties, they should take the necessary measures to address these identified areas of weakness with specific action plan for improvement.

The Department of Education provides a comprehensive testing program on the elementary level. The program consists of:

1. Individual school or teacher choice of available testing or screening devices for Kindergarten and Grade 1 which best suit local needs. Such instruments are to be used only for proper placement of students, not as a means of denying a student admission to the school program.
2. Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) – Grades 2-8
3. Cognitive Abilities Test (CoGAT) – Grades 3-5-8

Policy
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